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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING THE ACTIVITY OF GENE PRODUCTS**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

27 pages of specification and claims (including 24 numbered claims), and

2 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

**Application Number**

**Country**

**Day/Month/Year Filed**

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

☒ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/430,402, filed December 3, 2002, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☐ The prior application is assigned to \_\_\_\_\_

☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Other:

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